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Over 30 COVID-19 patients untraceable in city

- Officials find it tough to trace those who tested positive due to incorrect contact details
- Henceforth, Aadhaar Card, Voter ID or PAN Card mandatory before swab collection

Mysuru, July 25 (RK&BCT)- Over 25 to 30 COVID-19 patients in city are untraceable as they had given wrong contact numbers and incorrect addresses to monitoring officials.

"Every day, staffers are unable to trace people whose names are included in the list of patients after they tested positive," said Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, he said that social distancing is the only way to contain the spread of Coronavirus and those coming in contact with the positive patients are at risk of being infected. "Even if we manage to trace the patients, it will be an onerous task to trace those who came in their contact. There is a danger of these people roaming the streets and denizens living in the vicinity not knowing anything. People should be more responsible," the DC said.

'We are finding it tough to track those who tested positive due to incorrect contact details. Adding to our woes, wrong addresses furnished by those coming for testing makes it even more difficult to trace the patients and their primary contacts," he said.

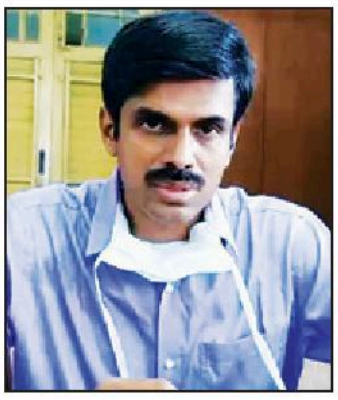
There have been over 25 to 30 cases of patients dodging the authorities through different means in Mysuru district.

"Our officials have found out that when the throat swabs are collected, people have given wrong address, wrong telephone numbers, 9-digit phone numbers and even phone numbers of other persons. We have found three patients in Agrahara giving wrong addresses. In some cases, they have switched off their mobile phones or would have given incorrect details. This has made it almost impossible for us to trace them," Abhiram Sankar said.

To avoid these issues, the District Administration has made it mandatory for people to produce their Aadhaar Card or Voter ID, PAN Card or any other valid identity card while collecting the details before throat swab tests. "We have asked our officers to ask the person to give a missed call to the officer's mobile phone to eliminate the chances of incorrect phone numbers," the DC said.

When DC himself got a call for quarantine breach!

Mysuru, July 25 (RK&BCT)- A man from Hebbal, while giving his contact details at a throat and nasal swab collection centre in city, hoodwinked the officials and gave a wrong telephone number. He did this to dodge COVID-19 quarantine and isolation rules.



In his attempt to fool the officers, the man blurted out a phone number that actually belonged to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar. The official who noted down the phone number too did not realise this and the man was asked to give samples and go home.

The man in question tested positive and the Control Room staff at the Deputy Commissioner Office called the phone number that was given by the man to inform him about his COVID positive status. The calling officer was surprised to find the DC himself answering the call.

Abhiram Sankar told *SOM* this morning, "I was surprised to receive a call from the Control Room where the caller told me that I had tested positive for the virus and was breaching quarantine norms. I told the officer on the other end that I am the DC speaking. The officer told me that the man had given my phone number to dodge rules. I was amused and equally shocked to realise what people can do to avoid quarantine and hospitalisation."

The DC added that people must realise that providing correct contact information will actually control the spread of the disease. "Here in this case for example, the man gave my phone number. Probably he did not know that this was DC's number. It is very difficult to trace virus-infected people and their primary and secondary contacts if the contact details are wrong. I appeal to people to desist from these acts and help the District Administration to fight the pandemic," he said.

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases	:	281
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Total ACTIVE cases	:	1,602
Persons discharged	:	749
Deaths	:	99

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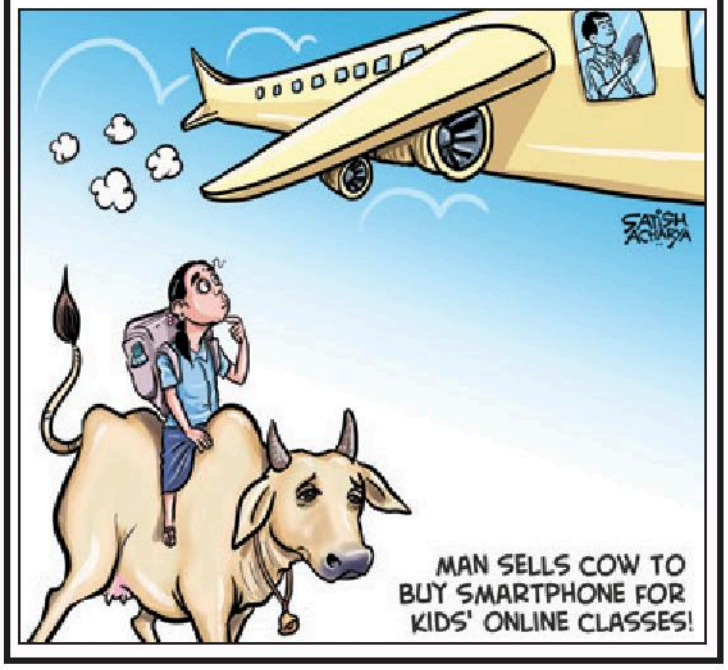
STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya



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Mysore Varsity's final exams time-table will be out soon: VC

31 students of Universities move Supreme Court against UGC's final exam rules

Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar

Mysuru, July 25 (RK&BCT)- Exams for the final year students of the University of Mysore will be held in September as directed by the State Government. The examination process will be completed by the end of September, said University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor (VC) Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, the VC said that graduation and post-graduation exams will be conducted only for final semester while intermediate semester students will be promoted based on a comprehensive evaluation scheme. He said that a discussion was on in the University with Department Heads and a time-table will be announced soon.

As per the direction from the Government, all Universities are required to complete the examinations for final year students by end of September 2020 in offline/online/blended (offline + online) mode following protocols related to COVID-19 pandemic. Across the nation too, the same system is being followed and 760 of the 900 Universities have agreed to conduct the examinations as per the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC), he said.

Exams will be conducted for only those intermediate semester students of graduate and post-graduate courses who have kept a backlog of subjects. These exams will be conducted following the social distance norms. As the number of students who have backlog subjects is less, examinations can easily be conducted with social distancing, he added.

Meanwhile, a group of 31 students have filed a petition in the Supreme Court against the UGC on its decision to conduct final year exams, compulsorily, by September end. The case has been listed for the hearing on July 27.

The students, from Karnataka, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Meghalaya and many other States, have sought to quash the UGC notice released on July 6, in which the Commission has asked Universities to compulsorily conduct the final year exams by September 30.

It has asked the Universities to conduct the exams in offline mode using pen and paper; online mode or else by opting for blended mode of exam in which exams will be held in both online and offline mode.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The absence of strong leadership had, of late, dented the State's fight against COVID-19. Now that Yediyurappa has left no one in doubt who the boss is, it is hoped that the loose ends will be tied. A common complaint is that the Chief Minister, who is otherwise sensitive to public issues, is being pulled down by the coterie around him. It is thus imperative that he takes urgent steps to surround himself with the right people. Yediyurappa should also give attention to the absence of a strong chain of command, which has led to a lack of unity of purpose in the war on COVID-19. At least 60 IAS, IPS and IFS Officers, not to mention some 10 Ministers, are swarming Bengaluru, leaving not only the rank-and-file in chaos but creating a multi-layered decision-making process leading to all-round confusion. Unless this is addressed first, the Government's efforts may come to naught and end up as a typical case of too many cooks spoiling the broth.

— In Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Tattoo artist's 'Secret Tattoos' on the roof of the mouth

Antwerp: Belgian tattoo artist Indy Voet has earned a reputation for executing permanent tattoos in the most unconventional places, from people's finger webs, to the hidden space behind their ears. But his specialty is hand poking tattoos on the roof of people's mouths.

Voet has been doing roof of the mouth tattoos for about five years and has since developed his own technique as well as a portfolio of tattoos that fit the unusual location.

A former body piercing artist with 10 years of experience under his belt, the young Belgian found the transition to doing tattoos in uncommon places natural. Although having a tattoo inked on the roof of the mouth means that dentists are the only ones who will truly be able to admire it, people seem to think having a secret tattoo is pretty cool.

Tattoo artist masks scars with beautiful artworks

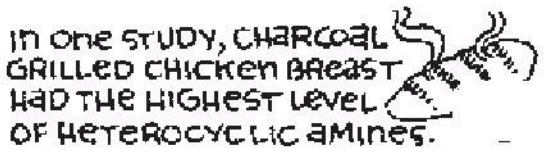
Vietnam: A young tattoo artist by the name 'Ngoc' on social media has become famous for helping people, especially women to hide their scars by inking beautiful artworks over them

For many people having to live with visible scars, either from accidental burns, operations like appendectomy or cesarean section is an everyday struggle. But thanks to talented tattoo artist Ngoc, some of them don't have to. The Hanoi-based artist is known as a magician in the Vietnamese tattooing community, as she always seems to find the best design to perfectly conceal the scars.

"Every woman is beautiful, I don't want any woman to struggle with her scars," Ngoc recently said adding that she is glad to help her clients regain their confidence. Ngoc sometimes spends over a dozen hours on a single tattoo, but the results are always mind-blowing.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

Is there a cancer risk in eating meat?



Meat that is cooked at high temperatures causes heterocyclic amines (HCAs) and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons to form on the meat. Both are carcinogenic compounds. Add rosemary and thyme to your marinade and let it soak for at least an hour before cooking. Rosemary and thyme have been shown to reduce HCAs by up to 87 percent.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

D.K. Shivakumar rejigs KPCC frontal organisations

Former Additional Advocate General A.S. Ponnanna to head KPCC Legal Cell and RTI Cell

A.S. Ponnanna

Bengaluru, July 25- The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) President D.K. Shivakumar's proposal to rejig party frontal organisations are now approved by the All India Congress Committee (AICC) interim President Sonia Gandhi.

Shivakumar has brought his loyalists to these posts to keep a close eye on the party affairs. As per the notification issued by the KPCC President's Office, B.L. Shankar will head the Media and Communication Department while V.R. Sudarshan will be the Co-Chair. Former Additional Advocate General (AAG) Ajjikuttira S. Ponnanna from Kodagu district will head the KPCC Legal Cell and RTI Cell.

For the first time, KPCC formed a data team for the analysis. It will be headed by former IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge. Former Minister K.J. George will head Party-State Assets Committee. Another former Minister Ramalinga Reddy will head the Party Bengaluru Assets Committee.

Really...?

- ***Date palm (Phoenix dactylifera), tree of the palm family (Arecaceae) cultivated for its sweet edible fruits. The date palm has been prized from remotest antiquity and may have originated in what is now Iraq. The fruit has been the staple food and chief source of wealth in the irrigable deserts of North Africa and the Middle East. Spanish missionaries carried the tree to the New World in the 18th and early 19th centuries. Date palms are grown in the Canary Islands, Northern Africa, the Middle East, Pakistan, India, Mexico, and the US State of California. Dates have a long shelf life, and many varieties, including the common deglet noor, are often sold dried and processed. The dried fruit is more than 50 percent sugar by weight and contains about 2 percent each of protein, fat, and mineral matter. Other types of dates, such as the medjool, are eaten as fresh produce and gradually shrink and wrinkle as they age.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Husband texts to wife on cell: *Hi, what are you doing darling?*

Wife: *I'm dying !*

Husband jumps with joy but types: *Sweet heart, how can I live without you?*

Wife: *You idiot ! I'm dying my hair.*

Husband: *Bloody English Language !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.73
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.63
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.35
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.10

VOICE OF THE READER

Nostalgically Speaking – 1:

Remembering Dr. K.B. Subbaiah

Sir,

I browsed through your nostalgic write-up *(Abracadabra* dated 19.7.2020) about your brother Dr. K.B. Subbaiah, who happened to be our neighbour. I never had the opportunity to meet him personally, though, because I was working at that time as a lecturer in Mangalore University.

However, I got to know quite a bit about your brother from my father late Abdul Karim, who happened to be his patient for a couple of months during August and September. And it was my younger brother Shakeel Ahmed, who introduced my father to your brother for treatment of acute chronic bronchitis in August that year. Both of them had very fine words for your brother — his professional competence as well as his humane qualities. He never charged any fees at all.

I believe Dr. Subbaiah had promised even to get my father rid of chronic bronchitis for good by effective treatment at his home clinic in Yadavagiri. However, that was not to be as he passed away in the first week of October that year.

I found my father very sad on one of my weekends during October 1988 and I came to know that he was deeply upset over the sad demise of the doctor with whom he had developed a rapport in a very short time!

—M. Jameel Ahmed
Yadavagiri
21.7.2020

II

Sir,

Late Dr. K.B. Subbaiah needs no introduction in Mysuru city. He was a leading eminent Physician and very good Cardiologist. He was a very noble man generous to a fault.

Dr. K.B. Subbaiah

A Godfather to poor people, he had saved many lives. He used to distribute free samples of medicine given by the medical representatives to the poor and needy freely. He was very considerate to the poor.

—H.N. Bharadwaj
Mysuru
22.7.2020

III

Sir,

Apropos your *Nostalgically Speaking-1* item on 19.7.2020 about your brother Dr. Subbaiah.

Dr. K.B. Subbaiah was the doctor I used to visit at Mission Hospital for a few years. He was a very soft-spoken person, a keen listener to the problem of his patient and a person of few words uttered in sweet slow voice. You are so different !!

— Chandra Prakash,
former President, MGP
Mysuru
23.7.2020

Trinity College London conducts online exam for instrumental music

A city student, who appeared for online instrumental music exam conducted by Trinity College London, in association with CREDIT-I, in Mysuru recently.

Mysuru, July 25- Trinity College London (TCL), in association with Centre for Rural, Education, Development and Innovative Technologies of India (CREDIT-I), conducted online exams for instrumental music for the first time in Mysuru recently.

TCL is an examination board based in London, United Kingdom, which offers graded and diploma qualifications (up to postgraduate level) across a range of disciplines in performing arts and English language learning and teaching in over 70 countries.

In a press release, Dr. M.P. Varsha, Managing Trustee and CEO of CREDIT-I, said that the exams have been conducted for the first time in Mysuru. "Till last year, the students had to appear for the exams at the centres either in Bengaluru or Chennai. The representatives of TCL would be invigilators. After assessment, the college presents marks and certificates of grades to students," he said.

However, due to COVID-19 pandemic this year, the representatives could not visit India to conduct the exam. Hence, the students had to appear for online exam at CREDIT-I centre in Krishnamurthypuram, Mysuru. The TCL had given them individual identity and passwords.

Around 26 students of Prasad School of Rhythms appeared for the exams of several grades. The aspirants were from first standard to engineering students, who played drums, in the presence of experts. Their performance was recorded and uploaded in Google Drive by the participant, with an exclusive password. Once TCL assesses individual performances, the students would be presented with comments, certificates and marksheet.

Govt. asks final year MBBS, PG students to report for COVID duty

Bengaluru, July 25- The State Government has directed final year students of MBBS, PG Medical and Super-specialty students to report for COVID duty to meet shortage of healthcare professionals amid exponential rise in the number of cases.

In an order on Friday, the Director of Medical Education (DME) directed all such students to report to the Department after completing their exams.

"The Heads of institutions are directed to inform the students to report to office of the DME," the order said, adding that the Registrar of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) shall instruct non-allopathic graduates to report to the University.

The release accompanying the order said Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar has directed the officials to utilise the final year students for COVID duties as the Government has been facing shortage of staff to achieve testing targets.

"Along with direct recruitment, the final year students of Lab Technician courses, Science students of RGUHS and volunteers will be given proper training before assigning COVID duties to them," it said.

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The step, he said, was necessary to meet the target of conducting 30,000 tests per day in Bengaluru. The service of staff from 80 Private Labs and Fever Clinics is being utilised already.

Mobile Units are also running short of trained manpower. Therefore, necessary arrangement is being made under Disaster Management Act, the Minister told the officials.

To streamline flow of information to enable real-time management, the Minister has also directed that dashboards should be set up at zonal-level to share war room data.

He instructed them to recruit data entry operators from Keonics. "There are 12,000 Containment Zones in the city alone. There is a need to quickly find out Influenza Like Illness (ILI) and Severe Acute Respiratory Infections (SARI) cases and the information has to be shared with Zonal Officers. Also, decisions have to be made to admit them in COVID Care Centres and Hospitals. It is also the duty of Zonal Teams to provide ambulances wherever necessary," the Minister said.

Railways to scrap stoppages where less than 50 people board

New Delhi, July 25- The Indian Railways is working on introducing 'zero-based' time-table for all trains, once the train services normalise in the post-COVID-19 period to improve efficiency in train services.

The zero-based time-table will allow Railways to scrap some of the existing stoppages of mail/express trains and increase the speed of trains. The Railways has roped in IIT-Mumbai to prepare zero-based time-table. As per the current proposal, existing total 5,500 to 6,000 stoppages in the Railway network may be scrapped, said an official.

The Railways decided to stop or continue the specific stop of a particular train based on at least 50 people board or de-board in a day. The stoppages where less than 50 people board or de-board may be cancelled as they are considered uneconomical, said an official. The new system not only increases the speed of trains and efficiency but also avoids jostling of space by goods and passengers trains.

Railway Board Chairman V.K. Yadav said the plan to implement the new system was delayed due to COVID-19 pandemic but it will be executed.

He added that if a train stoppage is scrapped in a particular Station, the Railways will ensure the stoppage of an alternate train on that route to avoid inconvenience to the passengers of that region.

The zero-time-table will also ensure separate time slots for every section to repair and maintenance of track and related systems, he said.

NEWS BRIEFS

KSOU: Aug. 10 last date to pay exam fee

The Karnataka State Open University (KSOU) has asked its students, who have got admission to first year degree courses in the academic year 2014-15 and currently studying in final year BA / B.Com courses as well as those students who are studying in final year MA / MCom courses in the academic year 2019-20 to remit exam fee through its online portal. Last date to remit exam fee without penalty is Aug.10 and with penalty of Rs. 200 is Aug. 24. For details, visit www.ksoumysuru.ac.in or call Mob: 94486-68880.

No power supply on July 27

Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted on July 27 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Siddarthanagar, Vinaya Marga, Moksha Marga, Ahinda Marga, GST Office and surrounding areas, Devirammanahalli Layout, Handuvinahalli Layout, Hullahalli road, Chamalapura Hundi, Deburu, Handuvinahalli, Kathwadipura, Byalaru and surroundings, according to a press release from CESC.

GTTC Training

The Government Tool Room and Training Centre (GTTC), Mysuru, will be conducting free skill development programme for unemployed poor candidates belonging to SC/ST community and have passed SSLC, Diploma and ITI. They will be provided training in CNC programming, CAD, CAM, tool room machinist among others. Interested candidates are requested to visit www.kaushalkar.com and apply before Aug. 15. For details, call Ph: 0821-2582750 or Mob: 91416-30315.

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Yesterday	107.64 ft
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Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,276.90 ft
Inflow	2,754 cusecs
Outflow	2,271 cusecs

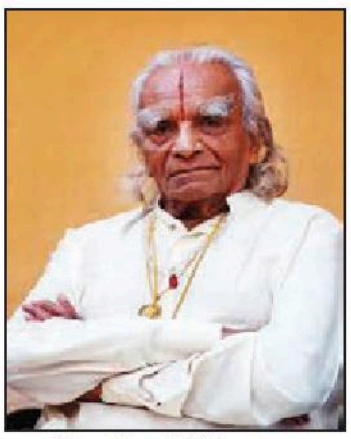
Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,856.37 ft
Inflow	1,485 cusecs
Outflow	50 cusecs

Yoga Guru BKS Iyengar's favourite tiger Brahma dies

Iyengar had adopted the feline, captured in Brahmagiri Forests, for lifetime at Mysuru Zoo



Yoga Guru BKS Iyengar

Mysuru, July 25 (MTY&BCT)- A tiger which was adopted by Yoga Guru Belur Krishnamachar Sundararaja (BKS) Iyengar for lifetime died at the Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) last evening.

The tiger named 'Brahma' was housed in the Zoo for the past 12 years. According to Zoo authorities, it was around 20 years old. Mysuru Zoo Executive Director Ajit Kulkarni said the tiger was involved in man-animal conflict and was rescued by the Forest Department on March 18, 2008 from Theralu village in Virajpet taluk in Kodagu District.

It was handed over to the Mysuru Zoo Rescue Centre. It was later adopted by Iyengar for lifetime. "Brahma passed away at 3 pm on Friday due to old age-related issues. At present the Zoo has 10 male and six female tigers under its care," said Kulkarni.

The tiger was a special attraction in the Zoo and as it was caught in Brahmagiri Range of Reserve Forest in Kodagu, it was named Brahma. In 2009, BKS Iyengar and a group of Yoga enthusiasts had visited the Zoo where the Zoo officials narrated the story of Brahma and his capture from the wild.

Impressed by the then Brahma who was in his prime, BKS Iyengar paid Rs. 20 lakh and adopted the feline for lifetime. After this, Brahma was known as "adopted son of BKS Iyengar" and had got a special place in the Zoo.

Unwell since the last two years

After adoption, Iyengar used to see Brahma often and made it a point to visit him whenever the Yoga Guru was in Mysuru. He used to click photos of the tiger too. Due to age-related ailments, Brahma was unwell since the last two years and was shifted from the Zoo to the Chamundi Animal Conservation, Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre at Koorgalli on the outskirts of the city.

While the Zoo officials estimate Brahma's age to be 20 years, wildlife activists estimate the age to be 23 years. In the wild, tigers live up to 10 to 12 years and die of territorial fights and sometimes hunger as they lose capacity to hunt. In the Zoo, felines live longer as there is a steady and disciplined supply of food, water and treatment facilities and can live up to 15 to 18 years.

A candidate of the wild

In Indian Zoos, there are a couple of tigers who have lived beyond 20 years and Brahma was one among them. Despite being captured from the wild, Brahma used to listen to the commands of the Zoo cage keepers and behaved gently most of the times.

The news of Brahma's death and that it was adopted by BKS Iyengar has gone viral in social media. However, many netizens said Brahma was not a display piece in a Zoo. "Whosever favourite it is, this guy when caught was young and genetically superior and was not meant to be kept in a Zoo. He should have been reintroduced into the forests and let him to spread his genes," wrote one user.

Youth dies on his birthday

Mysuru, July 25 (RS&RK)- In what can be called as a quirk of fate, a 23-year-old youth from Nanjangud, who was suffering from infectious gangrene, died on his birthday on Thursday, reportedly due to COVID-19.

The youth, a resident of Basavanagudi extension in Nanjangud town, was suffering from severe diabetes and was admitted to a Private Hospital in Mysuru a few days ago.

As he was diagnosed for gangrene, the doctors at the Hospital amputated one of his legs. But despite the treatment, the youth died late on Thursday night, following which his throat swab sample was sent to the Lab for COVID-19 test.

The Lab report, which was out on Friday, said that the deceased youth had tested positive for the virus, following which the Nanjangud taluk administration performed his last rites as per COVID-19 protocol, according to Taluk Health Officer Dr.Nagendra.

Rider killed as two-wheelers collide at N'gud

Nanjangud, July 25 (RS&KS)- A bike rider was killed, while another rider suffered minor injuries when their two-wheelers collided against each other near Kalale village in Nanjangud taluk on Thursday.

The deceased is Kiran Thomas (24), a native of Kerala, who was working at a factory in Thandavapura in the taluk. The injured is 70-year-old Srikanta Aradhya of Gundlupet.

Kiran was proceeding on his bike to the factory's another branch at Sinduvallipura and while negotiating a turn, he collided with Srikanta's TVS moped near Kalale village bridge resulting in Kiran suffering injuries.

Though he was being shifted to a hospital, he breathed his last mid-way, according to the Police.

Nanjangud Traffic Police have registered a case.

Obituary

Hemchand Jain

Mysuru, July 25- Hemchand Jain (86), Owner of Aslaji Hemchand Jain & Sons Metalware Shop and Arunoday Appliances and a Trustee of Asha Kirana Charitable Trust, Mysuru, passed away yesterday at 11 am at his Siddarthanagar residence in city.

He is survived by his two sons and in-laws — Vasanth Jain, Padma Vasanth Jain and Suresh Kumar Jain, Beena Suresh Jain. Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill.

The Chairman, Trustees and Staff of Asha Kirana Hospital have condoled his death.

Sheep traders lean on cyber world to meet Bakrid demand

- **Less crowd in traditional markets in city that are usually teeming with buyers and animal sellers**
- **Traders report lack of sales during COVID times; even regular customers shying to come out for open trade**

Mysuru, July 25 (YDS&BCT)- With less than 10 days to go for Bakrid, bleating of goats has been resonating in the cyber world and WhatsApp groups these days where animals are being sold on various digital platforms.

The festival that falls on July 31 (Government holiday on Aug. 1) is likely to be a low-key affair, thanks to COVID-19 pandemic. Bakrid is known as the 'Festival of Sacrifice'. A week or a fortnight before the festival, sheep sale usually begins in city.

The road next to Bannimantap Grounds near the LIC Circle or Millennium Circle is usually full with flocks of sheep grazing on the green patches on the road edges and circles. The place turns to a sheep pen with traders coming from far off villages to sell sheep and buyers haggling with them to buy the healthiest animal for a the best price. They then take the sacred animal to their homes, feed them well and sacrifice the animal on the day of Bakrid. Other sheep markets in city are located in Rajivnagar Circle, Shanthinagar and Milad Bagh.

BUYERS AVOIDING CROWD

This year, however, COVID has changed the way Bakrid is celebrated. Sheep buyers are avoiding crowds and are instead trading virtually on social media platforms where images of healthy sheep is circulated along with the contact number of the sheep owner. With the authorities likely to restrict physical sheep sale due to social distancing norms, the online market is offering a platform for buyers and sellers.

From WhatsApp groups to websites, the animals are available at prices starting at Rs. 10,000 and going up to Rs. 1 lakh. "Since a week is left for Bakrid, there are remote chances of physical sales this year due to the COVID crisis. There are fewer takers for traditional markets in Mysuru due to the pandemic.

That's why we have shifted to WhatsApp for sheep sales," Pavan, a sheep merchant, told *Star of Mysore* last evening.

REGULAR CUSTOMER BASE

The animals are usually brought from places like Bannur, Srirangapatna, Maddur, Chamarajanagar, Chinakurali, Pandavapura, Mandya, Kodagu and Vijayapura and also from neighbouring States of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Pavan owns 13 Bannur sheep. "Since there is no traditional market, I am dependent on WhatsApp. I have a list of regular customers and I send photos of sheep and the price too. I have already sold sheep for Rs. 50,000 and Rs. 1 lakh. But the sale has been hit this year and I could sell only eight sheep so far. Last year I had sold over 100 sheep," he said.

As per norms, the sacrificial goats and sheep should be in good health and free from any disability, diseases and injuries and must be at least one year old. They must be purchased a few days before the sacrifice and must be properly fed and well cared for in the intervening days.

20 PERCENT ADVANCE ONLINE

Several dedicated WhatsApp groups have been created for the purpose and once the deal is finalised, the payment is made online and the animal is delivered to the doorstep of the purchaser. One can even book a sheep or a goat by paying 20 percent advance online and the rest on delivery.

The trade is, however, not completely online. There are a few takers for traditional markets too. Sheep trader Nasir Hussain from Doddabaagilu in T. Narasipur Taluk said that last year, he had sold over 300 sheep and goats in Mysuru and Bengaluru.

This year, he has brought some of his animals to the Millennium Circle. "I have been here since the last one week and so far I could only sell only 20 animals. Last year, there were buyers who came to my sheep pen in T. Narasipur to purchase animals. This year the scene is bad," he rued.

Ravi, a trader from Mallegowdanakoppalu near Yelwal, said "I had sold 15 animals in just two hours at the Millennium Circle. So far there are no takers for my animals and whoever comes here bargains for half the price of animals. My sheep costs anywhere between Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 40,000 but they are asking for Rs. 15,000 and Rs. 20,000. It is a loss for me," he said.

IN BLACK & WHITE

Vikram Muthanna

Should God save us?

Karnataka Health Minister recently raised a storm when he said *"Only God can save us."* Of course, no one bothered with the other part of his statement where he said *"Awareness among the people is the only way."* Probably what he meant was, how can a Government protect its people if the people don't want to protect themselves?

True, the Health Minister cannot hide behind "God" to save people. As a Health Minister during a health crisis he must make sure the State's health infrastructure is ready to serve the people, but shouldn't people too co-operate for the system to deliver?

During this COVID-19 crisis, many members of the public have been an impediment to efficient delivery of health care services. In spite of repeated warning about the infectivity and dangers of Coronavirus, numerous people can be seen walking around without masks and not maintaining social distance.

Worse, they have made life difficult for the frontline workers. Members of the public have chased and stoned doctors and nurses who have tried to help them. They have boycotted and even thrown out doctors and nurses from their homes for treating COVID patients. How long can the frontline workers risk their lives to save ours when we don't respect theirs? Why should they care for our lives if we don't care for our own?

How many times can the Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Mysuru and Police Commissioner request the public to help the system work efficiently by the simple act of wearing a mask?

The Police have even gone beyond their call of duty and turned themselves into comical characters, wearing Coronavirus costumes and making scary sounds to educate and instil fear of the Coronavirus among the public. How much more should they stoop to convince the public to protect themselves?

We have a culture where we have complete disregard for our own safety and others' too — from getting up before a flight comes to a complete halt to not wearing a seat belt; from driving up a one-way street to riding a bullock cart down the wrong side of a highway; from not wearing helmets, to protect one's own head, to now not wearing a mask to protect oneself and their family from Coronavirus! We just don't care.

Even a simple act of keeping one's own head safe is a hard sell for our people. Most helmets are never on the head of a rider. Instead, it's half-way above their forehead or dangling off their arms like it were a handbag — meant only to protect one from a fine, rather than a head injury! Now mask is the new helmet. It's tucked below our chins or it is left dangling off one ear only to be pulled up if a cop is around.

Not wearing a helmet or seatbelt may be a danger to the rider, but not wearing a mask and not maintaining social distance endangers others' lives. These 'mask-less' people are a threat to the health of the society, which means Indian Penal Code 336 can be applied. This code about "endangering life or personal safety of others" states that *"Whoever acts negligently as to endanger human life or the personal safety of others, shall be punished with imprisonment of three months."* But then does Police have the bandwidth to implement this? Absolutely not. So, it is imperative that the public co-operates, especially now as the cases in Mysuru are spiking.

Just this morning it has been reported that hundreds of COVID positive patients in the State have given wrong contact addresses and numbers to escape tracing! In Mysuru too, the DC has said that they do not know the whereabouts of nearly 30 patients!

One person was even audacious enough to give the DC's phone number as his contact and the Control Room ended up calling the DC himself, warning him that he was breaking quarantine rules!

To stop this, now IDs are mandatory for swab test, making it harder for frontline workers.

It is ironic that the Government has to hunt down citizens to protect them!

When we are headless enough not to keep our own heads safe by wearing a helmet; When we don't have the basic common sense to wear a mask and maintain social distance when a pandemic is snuffing out lives, all one can say is that, either we have a Death Wish or a Superman Complex. Or, like everything else, we just leave it to Destiny and God.

And that is why our Health Minister said, *"Only God can save us."* In the end, why would our Government CARE for our lives if we don't? And let's not forget the old adage — *"God helps those who help themselves"* — God can give you a mask, if you don't wear it, what can God do?

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Mysuru to get 10,000 Rapid Antigen Kits

Each taluk will get 1,000 kits and Mysuru city will get 3,000, says DC

Mysuru, July 25 (RK&BCT)- Mysuru will get over 10,000 Rapid Antigen Kits to scale up the COVID testing process. These kits will be distributed to all taluks and Mysuru city will get 3,000 kits.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G. Sankar said that each Taluk will get 1,000 kits to increase testing in all areas, especially in the areas where there have been increased cases. Mysuru has 7 taluks and 7,000 kits will go to them. Also, each Primary Health Centre will get 25 kits and swab collection can be done in micro level, he added.

He said that the process of testing has been scaled up and as the tests are high, COVID positive cases too are on a rapid rise. The infection rate will increase and Mysuru will see a steep rise in the coming days. "We are prepared to handle the virus spread and now the focus will be on home isolation as per the new Government guidelines. Critical patients and those patients who need extra care will be shifted to the designated hospitals and care facilities," he said.

As the number of positive cases is set to increase as expected, the District Administration is requesting cooperation from people. "It is impossible to accommodate every positive patient in hospital or care facility. Home isolation facilities must be expanded and norms must be followed," he added.

On creating more COVID Care Centres in view of rising cases, the Administration is identifying other facilities on the city outskirts. "The Horticulture College at Yelachenahalli and the Survey Department Training Centre at the foot of Chamundi Hill are being considered to be converted into COVID Care Centres. Also, the Navodaya Vidyalaya at Bogadi is being considered," he said.

ASHA workers to lay siege to CM's residence on July 27

Mysuru, July 25 (PM&SD) - Strongly condemning Government's inaction, the Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA) are going to lay siege to Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa's residence in Bengaluru on July 27.

Addressing a press meet at Pathrakarthara Bhavan this morning, All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC) District Secretary Chandrashekar Meti said, "As our demands have not been met, we have decided to intensify our agitation. ASHA workers are going to lay siege CM's residence as well as Deputy Commissioner's Offices in all the 30 districts of the State on July 27."

"Some health officials have falsely stated that ASHA workers are currently drawing honorarium of Rs. 10,000," he rued.

Karnataka Rajya Samyukta ASHA Karyakarteyara Sangha District President Shubha Mangala, members Komala and Suneeta were present at the press meet.

Trainee Staff Nurses stir enters fifteenth day

Mysuru, July 25 (PM&DM)- The indefinite stir launched by Trainee Staff Nurses of K.R. and Cheluvamba Hospitals seeking fulfilment of their various demands entered the fifteenth day today, with Nurses staging a protest in front of K.R. Hospital here this morning.

The Nurses, who are staging a protest daily by wearing black bands, have been demanding a hike in wages, quarters facility and other statutory benefits.

The Trainee Staff Nurses Association office-bearers Mahesh, Vinod, Ramakrishna, Ramesh, Murali, Kavitha, Nagarathna, Shivanna, Bhagya, Shobha Nayak and others took part.

I will head N.R. Constituency COVID Task Force: Tanveer Sait

Tanveer Sait

Mysuru, July.25- Nearly a week after Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha was made the head of N.R. Constituency Task Force, Narasimharaja Congress MLA Tanveer Sait said that he is getting active from today and will head the Task Force from today itself.

Speaking to press-persons after meeting Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G.Sankar at the DC's office here this morning, during which he sought information on the measures taken to control the spread of COVID-19 in his constituency, Tanveer Sait said that being the Constituency MLA, he will himself head the Task Force and he will inform this to the MP and the District-in Charge Minister.

Maintaining that he continued to serve the people at home while taking rest due to his health condition, Sait said that he has recovered and will work standing among the people from today. Pointing out that people are getting scared due to the rising number of positive cases and deaths in N.R. Assembly segment, he blamed the misinformation being spread in the social media regarding the spread of COVID-19 for the scare.

As such, he will launch a campaign involving religious heads to drive out COVID-19 fears among the residents of the constituency, he said.

Cong. launches postcard movement to oppose privatisation of Railways

Mysuru, July 25 (PM&SD)– Members of Mysuru District Congress Campaign Committee held a postcard movement against privatisation of Railways. Members of the Committee inserted many postcards into the postbox opposite Mysore City Corporation Main Office on Sayyaji Rao Road at 11.30 am, addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Former MLA M.K. Somashekar, City Congress President R. Murthy, former Mayor Ayub Khan, leaders Ashok, Deepak and others were present during the movement.

AITUC seeks minimum wages

Mysuru, July 25 (MTY&DM)- Seeking minimum wages and payment of allowance, workers under the banner of All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC) staged a demonstration in front of the Deputy Commissioner's office here on Saturday.

Accusing the Government of pursuing anti-labour policies, the protestors condemned the State Government's July 20 notification deferring the payment of Difference Allowance due to workers, till March 2021.

Maintaining that lakhs of workers have lost jobs due to COVID-19 lockdown, they urged the Government to ensure minimum wages for the working class and job creation. They also demanded that the Government withdraw its notification on the deferment of allowances due to the workers and also to stop enacting Laws that were detrimental to the working class.

AITUC office-bearers H.R. Sheshadri, H.B. Ramakrishna, K.G. Somaraje Urs, Jagannath, K.S. Revanna, M. Shivanna, Ramu, N.K. Devadas, D.Suresh and others took part in the demonstration.

Pages from History

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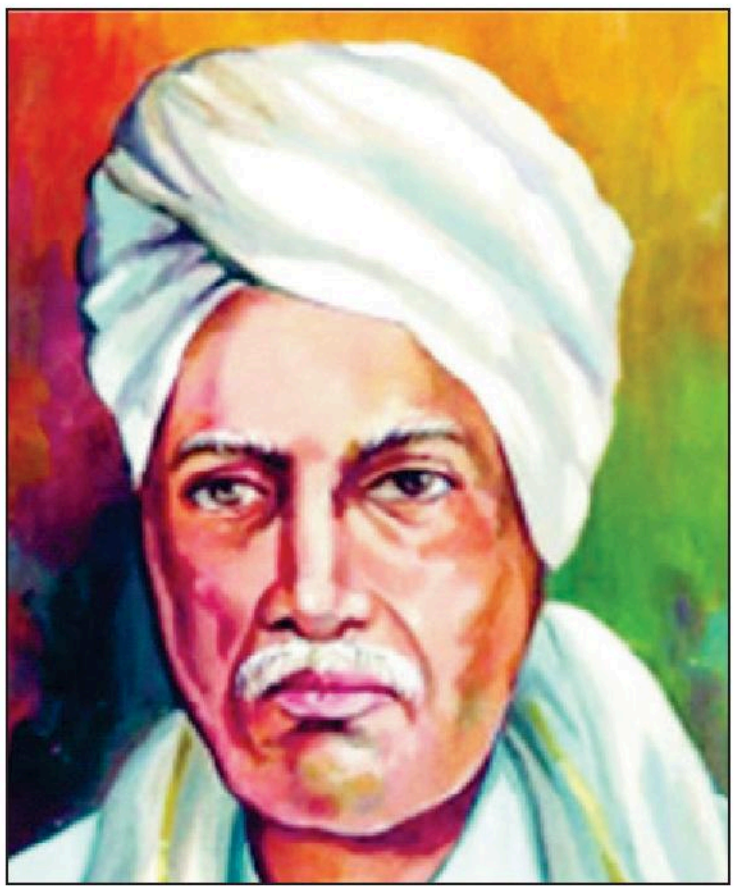
Homage to another Savant: Deputy Channabasappa

Some of the readers of *Star of Mysore*, while appreciating and admiring my write-up on Aloor Venkatarao have asked me why I have omitted stalwarts like Deputy Channabasappa, Muduveedu Krishnarao and others. Actually I had these savants in mind and had thought of paying homage to them in course of time. In deference to the opinion of these well-meaning readers, **today's write-up is dedicated to Deputy Channabasappa, who played a significant role in the Karnataka Unification Movement in early stages.**



Deputy Channabasappa [1833 - 1881]

Channapasappa Lingappa (1833 - 1881) was born in an ordinary family of Dharwad. Unfortunately, he lost his father at the age of six and naturally grew under the care of his mother. At a later date when he had become popular, people used to ask him the secret of his dedicated service and his firm reply was *"My Mother's Commandments."* Though faced by difficulties, without losing heart, he took them as challenges. After completing his early education at Dharwad, he went to Poona for higher education and joined an Engineering College there. This young and brilliant student attracted the attention of a philanthropist at Poona. This helped Channabasappa to work hard with dedication. He completed his course and was appointed as a teacher in a College. During this short period he earned good name as a teacher both by the students and the management.

Everybody thought that Channabasappa had settled down in Poona with all comforts. But the young man was not happy. As days went by, he realised that the Marathi-speaking people liked him as an individual but not as a man from Kannada-speaking area. They were showing scant respect to Kannada-speaking people and did not lose any opportunity to insult the Kannadigas. By about this time during the British rule there was a cry for reorganisation of States on the basis of languages. Bengal and Assam were in the forefront of this movement. The British could not wipe out this linguistic sentimental movement and Lord Curzon had to yield to the public opinion and the division of Bengal took place and this encouraged the ambition among other people also to dream of States on the basis of languages. But what is important is that Channabasappa too entertained this idea much earlier than the Bengalis and Assamese. But this was not encouraged and he did not get the required support from the people.

Harbinger of the Unification Movement

When this idea came to him while he was in Poona, he decided to leave Poona for good and get back to Karnataka. Thus he can be called as the harbinger of the Unification Movement which became stronger and wide-spread later under the guidance of other stalwarts.

Channabasappa gave up the job at Poona and returned to Dharwad. He joined the Post Office and worked there for some time. Because of his qualification and experience, he could easily get a teacher's job in the Department of Education.

Subsequently, he became the Principal of a School at Belgaum. Under his Principalship, this School became a Model School and Channabasappa was recognised as a good educational administrator. Five years later he was promoted as **Deputy Inspector of Schools** in Dharwad - Belgaum area. This gave him an opportunity to implement his schemes to develop Kannada as a subject of study among the students. The first thing that attracted his attention was the language policy in that area. Kannada teaching schools were rare. More than that, even the Kannadigas had to study Marathi as a compulsory subject and the study of Kannada was not encouraged. He made arrangements for the teaching of Kannada in the Schools of this area by appointing Kannada Pandits. He also got Kannada text books written and printed them for the learning of Kannada in particular and development of Kannada in general. This brought great fame to Channabasappa.

As Deputy Inspector of Education, he was a strict officer insisting on discipline among the students and teachers. Once he went to a School for inspection and found the teacher highly indisciplined. Even the Head Master could not control him. After an enquiry, Channabasappa imposed a fine of Rs.2 on the teacher. In the evening the teacher went to his house and explained his poverty and the real value of Rs.2 for his family and its impact on his home. Channabasappa became remorseful and told the teacher that he has committed a mistake and as per the rules he was compelled to levy a fine which is fair. It cannot be withdrawn.

The next morning when the teacher went to the School, the Head Master told him that somebody had paid the fine on his behalf and warned him to be careful in future. Obviously, Deputy Inspector Channabasappa did not like to punish the family of the teacher and hence he himself paid the fine and relieved the anxiety of the teacher.

Channabasappa was a common name in Dharwad area and to distinguish him, people began calling him as Deputy Channabasappa and that name stuck to him as an honour. In addition to his duties, he lectured on the significance of the magic name Karnataka which alone could unite the Kannada-speaking people politically, emotionally and culturally. In fact, he encouraged many persons like Gangadhara Turamur, Venkatarango Katti and others to take up the work for Karnataka. He also translated two Shakespeare's plays into Kannada and wrote many articles on Mathematics in Kannada. Thus he became a one-man army in the early stages of Karnataka Unification Movement which gained momentum in the later decades.

Unfortunately, he did not live long to see the formation of the State of Karnataka. He laid firm foundations for the development of Dharwad as a cultural capital of North Karnataka. It is unfortunate that the Government of Karnataka has not thought it fit to commemorate this savant in a suitable way. That is the need of the hour.

CET-2020 Mock Test by NIE-IT

Mysuru, July 25- NIE Institute of Technology (NIE-IT), Mysuru, is conducting Karnataka CET-2020 Mock Test from July 23 to 29. Candidates can access the KCET-2020 mock test online through the official website of NIEIT https://www.nieit.ac.in/cet-mock-test/. Candidates can access mock test directly with the following links:

Physics:https://forms.gle/tMGEKY2frnQUmReVA
Chemistry:https://forms.gle/QvSmz4ezoUsMdPGq6

Mathematics:https://forms.gle/YUUM74uMSKZoQY7R7

Mock tests will be of 70 minutes each in Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics. Candidates can take up the test at their convenient time from July 23 to July 29.

The mock tests will also have the facility of navigation through questions and sections. Once the answers are submitted candidates will be able to view their score and correct answers. PU students can utilise this free online mock test, which will help the candidates to understand the exam paper pattern. The mock will also help the candidates know their preparation levels for the exam.

For mock CET related issues contact Dr. K.B. Nalini (94842-18438) for Physics, H.R. Sujatha (97385-48205) for Chemistry and Dr. D.S. Raju (99001-14146) for Maths, according to a press release from NIE-IT Principal Dr. Bansilal.

Appointed

Kru. M.N. Vikram

Mysuru, July 25- Kru. M.N. Vikram, Founder Director of city-based Academy of Martial Science (AMS), was appointed as the Chairman-Technical Commission of MMA INDIA, the sole governing body of Mixed Martial Arts in India affiliated to International Mixed Martial Arts Federation (IMMAF).

The selection was based on his 30 years of experience and leading Indian team as a Coach in 6 World Championships, MMA and Muaythai included. In addition to this he is the General Secretary of Association of Mixed Martial Arts Karnataka (AMMAK) and Senior VP Sports Jiu Jitsu India Federation (SJJINDF).

COVID closure: Gym owners urge Government to lift ban

Mysuru, July 25 (RKB&DM)- The Inter-District Gymnasium Owners Association has urged the Government to lift the ban on the opening of Gyms, which were closed over four months ago due to COVID-19 pandemic .

Addressing a press meet at Patrakarthara Bhavan here yesterday, Association Hon. President K. Vishwanath urged the Government to lift the ban and facilitate re-opening of Gyms by setting appropriate guidelines.

Maintaining that Gyms function from spacious halls, he said that enthusiasts can perform exercises by maintaining physical distancing.

Pointing out that Gyms can re-open if the authorities permit them to allow a minimum of 5 customers an hour, Vishwanath urged the Government to seriously consider their plea.

The Gym owners are facing a lot of losses due to closure and are even unable to pay the building rent, he said.

Association President Avinash said that Gym owners are finding it extremely difficult to repay loans. Noting that the Government has announced a relief package for almost all sectors, he said that their only demand is that the Government should allow re-opening of Gyms, even with a set of conditions which they are ready to follow.

Demanding the Government to permit re-opening of Gyms at the earliest, he warned that the Gym owners cannot wait anymore. He also wondered why the Government was reluctant on re-opening of Gyms, which are in fact fitness centres, when it had given permission for sale of liquor, cigarettes and other tobacco products.

Association Treasurer K. Nitish said that there are many exercises which people can perform by wearing masks and as such the Government should permit re-opening of Gyms for public benefit. Secretary M.N. Nitin was present at the press meet.

MCC records Rs. 46.59 crore property tax collection

Mysuru, July 25- The cash-strapped Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has recorded property tax collection of Rs.46.59 crore from a total of 59,058 property owners so far this fiscal year.

The MCC has announced a 5 percent rebate to property owners for payment of property tax and the deadline for the rebate ends on July 31.

In the past, the MCC used to give the 5 percent rebate for one month from Apr.1 to 30. But due to the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic in March and the regulations that followed, the MCC offered this rebate from May 2 to July 31.

5 percent rebate deadline ends on July 31

The breakup of the property tax collected (Rs. 96,27,177 from 1,244 property owners) in all the nine MCC Zonal Offices on July 23 alone is as follows:

Zone-1 : Rs.13,61,817
Zone-2 : Rs.7,47,461
Zone-3 : Rs.20,82,129
Zone-4 : Rs.13,24,731
Zone-5 : Rs.17,01,243
Zone-6 : Rs.14,00,990
Zone-7 : Rs.1,48,592
Zone-8 : Rs.3,15,393
Zone-9 : Rs.5,44,821

Grocery kits distributed to Auto Drivers, Pourakarmikas

Mysuru, July 25 (PM&SD)- Corporator J. Gopi distributed grocery kits to Auto Drivers, Pourakarmikas and other workers engaged in unorganised sectors, living in T.K. Layout and surrounding areas in city.

Over 180 residents living in locked down areas of T.K. Layout and surrounding areas received grocery kits containing rice, wheat flour, rava, sugar, cooking oil, salt and lentils at a programme held near Nagalingeshwara Temple Trust.

Speaking to presspersons, Corporator Gopi said, "Even after relaxation of lockdown, all these workers in unorganised sectors including Auto Drivers and Pourakarmikas are facing difficulties. For this reason, we decided to help them and distribute grocery kits."

Mysuru City Congress President R. Murthy, former Corporator M. Shivanna, Honorary President of Nagalingeshwara Temple Trust Krishnappa, leaders Dairy Javarappa, K. Manju, Pachappa, Paramesh, Mahesh, Raju, Raghu, Krishna and others were present.

Postal Dept. extends Small Savings Schemes to rural branches

New Delhi, July 25 - To strengthen its network and postal operations in rural areas and provide Small Savings Schemes to villagers, the Department of Posts has extended all Small Savings Schemes up to the Branch Post Office level.

There are 1,31,113 Branch Post Offices functioning in the rural areas. Apart from facilities of letters, speed post, parcels, electronic money order, Rural Postal Life Insurance, these branches were providing Post Office Savings Account, Recurring Deposit and Sukanya Samriddhi Account Schemes until now. The new order allows the Branch Post Offices to offer facilities of Public Provident Fund, Monthly Income Scheme, National Savings Certificate, Kisan Vikas Patra and Senior Citizen Savings Schemes, said a statement from the Postal Department.

HOPCOMS to door deliver horticultural produce

Mysuru, July 25- The city's HOPCOMS, coming under the Horticulture Department, has come up with 'Hopcoms Online', a mobile app that enables delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables to the doorsteps of customers.

The customers can download 'Hopcoms Online' app from Google Play Store, register their names, browse and then send their orders online to HOPCOMS.

Customers' orders will reach their doorsteps within 24 hours. Customers can view the prices of fresh fruits and vegetables on the app and pay online while ordering or on delivery of the products, according to a press release from the Deputy Director of Horticulture, Zilla Panchayat, Mysuru. For details, contact Mob: 82778-14143.

Newly-wed commits suicide

Mysuru, July 25 (RK&KS)- A 21-year-old woman, who had got married about five months ago, committed suicide by hanging self at her parents' house in Jayanata Nagar on Wednesday.

The deceased is Rakshita, wife of Arun Kumar. As Rakshitha was suffering from Thyroid problems, she was staying along with her husband at her parents' house and undergoing treatment, it is learnt.

But on Wednesday afternoon, when the family members were away, Rakshitha hanged herself from the ceiling hook. Saraswathipuram Police, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar and shifted the body to MMC&RI mortuary, where post-mortem was conducted and the body was later handed over to the family members.

Inspector Vijayakumar, who has registered a case, is investigating.

Keralite goes missing from city

George Verghese

Mysuru, July 25 (KS)- A 49-year-old man from Kerala, who had come to city in search of job and staying at a rented house in Subramanyanagar, has gone missing since Mar. 16.

According to the complaint lodged by his mother Elizabeth Verghese, the missing person George Verghese is 5.8 ft. tall, wheatish complexioned, medium built, oval faced and speaks Kannada and Malayalam.

Those having any information about the missing person may contact Hebbal Police Station on Ph: 0821-2418318 or call Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2418339.

WORD OF THE DAY

Yokel

Pronunciation: YOH-kul.
Meaning: A naive or gullible inhabitant of a rural area or small town.
Origin: The origins of yokel are uncertain, but it might have come from the dialectal English word yokel used as the name for the green woodpecker (the nickname is of imitative origin). Other words for supposedly naive country folk are chawbacon (from chaw, meaning "chew," and bacon), hayseed (which has obvious connections to country life), and clodhopper (indicating a clumsy, heavy-footed rustic). But city slickers don't always have the last word: rural folk have had their share of labels for city-dwellers too. One simple example is the often disparaging use of the adjective citified. A more colorful (albeit historical) example is cockney, which literally means "cocks' egg," or more broadly "misshapen egg." In the past, this word often designated a spoiled or foppish townsman—as opposed to the sturdy countryman.
Example: Many of the town's residents felt that the documentary unfairly portrayed them as bumbling yokels.

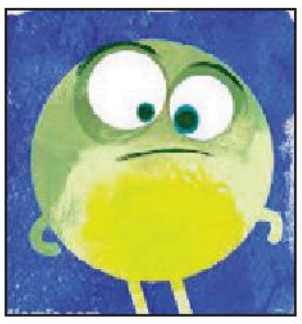
THE ODD WORD

Yapness

Hunger.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Yellow-belly



Meaning: A coward.
Origin: The term 'yellow-belly' is an archetypal American term, but began life in England in the late 18th century as a mildly derogatory nick-name. Grose's A provincial glossary; with a collection of local proverbs etc, 1787, lists it: "Yellow bellies. This is an appellation given to persons born in the Fens, who, it is jocularly said, have yellow bellies, like their eels." The usage wasn't limited to the Lincolnshire Fens. In the same year, Knight's Quarterly Magazine (London) published an account of life in the the Staffordshire Collieries. It began by describing the region as "a miserable tract of country commencing a few miles beyond Birmingham" and went on to recount a lady's attempts at guessing the nick-name of a local resident - Lie-a-bed, Cock-eye, Pig-tail and finally Yellow-belly.
Another English directory, A General Dictionary of Provincialisms, by William Holloway, 1839, which contains the obliging sub-heading - written with a view to rescue from oblivion the fast fading relics of by-gone days, also lists the term:
"Yellow-belly, A person born in the Fens of Lincolnshire (From the yellow, sickly complexion of persons residing in marshy situations.)"

QUOTE BOX

The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not on fighting the old, but on building the new. **– Socrates**

RIDDLE THIS

What has many keys but can't open a single lock?

Answer: A piano.

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5	2	9	1	3	8	4	7	6
4	1	7	6	9	5	8	2	3
6	3	8	4	7	2	1	5	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Integrated Avionics Comp.
4 Spanish home
8 Thirty day month
12 Voice of America
13 Is in debt
14 Oklahoma Indian
15 Horrified, disgusted or revolted
17 Mister in German
18 Of birth
19 Columbus' ship
21 Clothing edge
23 Middle
27 Pillage or loot
31 Not firm or fixed; hearsay (2,3)
32 Army Post Off.
33 One of the USSR's prison camps
35 Chief executive officer, in short
36 Follower of major Indian religion
38 Places where the three R's are taught?
40 Moneylender
42 To Be Determined
43 Ms Parekh of Bollywood
45 Rummier
49 Wisemen
52 Lacking reality
54 Tehran's locale
55 Never, poetically contracted?
56 Electronic Industries Assoc.
57 Experiment rooms, in short, for science students
58 Newts or newt-like amphibians
59 Mihir ___ : first Indian to swim the English Channel?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

T	A	L	C	■	O	G	A	M	■	E	G	G
A	S	I	A	■	D	U	C	O	■	R	I	O
T	H	E	N	C	E	F	O	R	W	A	R	D
S	A	N	T	A	■	F	L	E	E	■	■	■
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M	A	I	■	I	N	D	I	A	■	L	I	I
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S	A	T	Y	R	■	■	S	T	P	■	■	■
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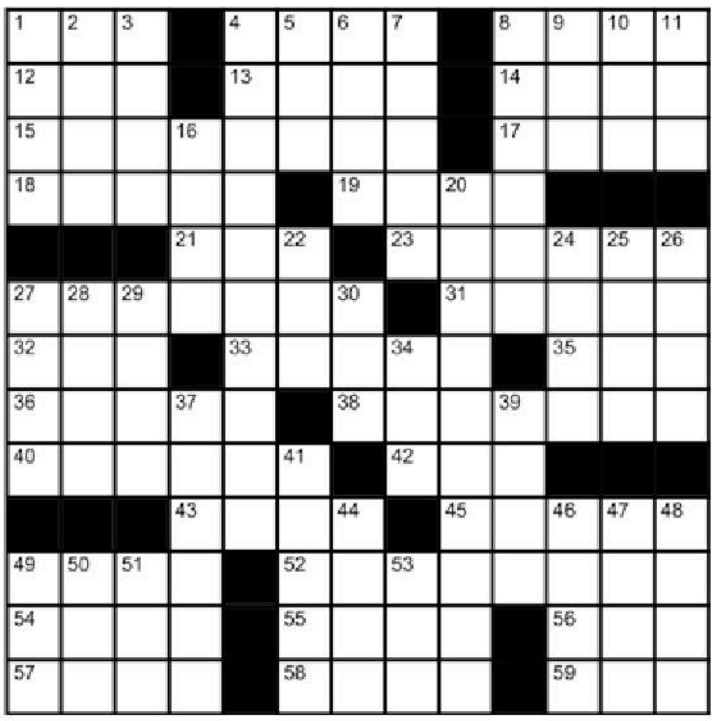
A	I	D	■	E	T	A	H	■	E	O	N	S
R	M	S	■	O	I	L	Y	■	S	W	A	T

DOWN

1 The terrible Tsar?
2 Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc.
3 Army rank, in short
4 Fellow-workers
5 Cobbler's tool
6 Discerned or observed
7 Earlier form of SONAR?
8 ____ Sebastian Bach : famous German music composer?
9 Southwest Indian
10 Conjunction meaning "and not"
11 Ever, poetically contracted
16 Exclaims in amazement, joy, or surprise
20 Those living nearby
22 Modular Concept Unit
24 Mexican snack
25 Monetary unit of Cambodia
26 Greek god or Bombay Talkies?
27 Ketu's counterpart in Indian folklore?
28 Army Photographic Intell. Serv.
29 Socially unacceptable (3-1)
30 Kilolitres, abbr.
34 Part of a play
37 Pipes or ditches for waste matter
39 Betting ring features
41 Largest river of Western Europe
44 Hebrew letter
46 Female rabbits
47 Canal or Lake
48 Spielberg's Saving Private ___
49 A small unit of length
50 Old time classic movie Alam ___
51 The speaker's gift
53 Lease or rent



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

P'V ODQS P SPSM'A CQZR AY LPOCA PM QMI FQH. P'V ODQS P SPSM'A CQZR AY NPWE XN Q OXM. P'V ODQS P SPSM'A ORA EPDDRS YH EPDD GYVRKYSI. P CYNR VI EPSG RMBYI ACR GQVR DQWE YL VQMCYYS.

TODAY'S CLUE: S EQUALS D

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: : I used to think that the brain was the most wonderful organ in my body. Then I realized who was telling me this.

281 fresh COVID-19 positive cases in Mysuru; 6 deaths

Mysuru, July 25 (BCT)- After periodically reporting 100, 150 and 169 COVID-19 positive cases, Mysuru yesterday broke a record with 281 cases in a single day. With the latest number, it stood second in the State after Bengaluru Urban whose COVID infections today stand at 2,267.

In fact, Mysuru has breached the 2,000 mark and the cumulative positive cases today stand at 2,450.

This has been mentioned in the Karnataka State media bulletin released by the Health Department last evening. Yesterday, six deaths have been reported taking the total to 99.

Eighteen patients have been discharged from the designated hospitals and COVID Care Centres yesterday and the total number of patients discharged so far is 749. That means there are 1,602 active cases.

Of the 1,602 active cases, 229 are being treated and isolated in the designated COVID-19 Hospitals, 67 are in the COVID Healthcare facilities, 477 have been isolated in COVID Care facilities, 159 have been isolated in private hospitals and 670 are in home isolation.

Of 281 cases, 160 are contacts of infected, 53 Influenza Like Illness (ILI), 33 cases have travel history, 13 Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) and 22 cases were asymptomatic. Yesterday's death included a 26-year-old woman. All the six patients were suffering from SARI.

The Health Department authorities have observed a total of 18,834 persons and 16,029 have completed quarantine period and 1,203 are under home quarantine.

The authorities have tested 35,871 samples and of which 33,296 samples have been tested at Government labs and 2,575 samples have been tested in private laboratories.

57 new cases in Mandya

Mandya District reported 57 new cases yesterday and with this, the total number of positive cases has increased to 1,067. There are 317 active cases and 12 deaths reported so far. Out of 57 new cases, 17 are from Mandya taluk, 17 from Srirangapatna, eight from Nagamangala, five from K.R. Pet, four from Maddur, three from Malavalli, two from Pandavapura and one from other districts.

While 39 patients were discharged yesterday and in all, 739 have been recovered and discharged. No deaths were reported yesterday and the district has reported 12 deaths so far.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. M.V. Venkatesh inspected the Containment Zones in Gandhinagar, Ashok Nagar, Police Colony and other areas.

The essential items for those in sealed down areas would be supplied and pamphlets on preventing COVID-19 would be distributed among the people, to create awareness, he said. People should not come out of the Containment Zones, he added.

Nine more cases in Kodagu

Nine fresh virus infections have been reported in Kodagu and the total number of infected has risen to 323.

There are 72 active cases admitted to the designated COVID-19 Hospitals in Madikeri. 246 patients have been cured and discharged and five deaths have been reported so far.

21 infected in Chamarajanagar

Chamarajanagar reported 21 new COVID cases and 20 discharges yesterday. With the fresh cases, the total positive cases have increased to 455. In all, 252 people have been discharged and five deaths have been reported so far. There are 197 active cases and seven are being treated in the Intensive Care Units.

Out of 21 new cases, 10 are from Chamarajanagar taluk, nine from Kollegal and two from Hanur taluk. Most of the fresh cases were suffering from Influenza Like Illness and 10 patients were admitted to the hospital with these symptoms and tested positive.

Nine others are primary contacts, while two from Bengaluru have tested positive. In all, 9,252 patients under home quarantine are being monitored. Out of this, 4,239 are primary contacts and remaining secondary contacts.

State slashes rates of COVID-19 testing

Bengaluru, July 25 (RK&BCT)- In the wake of Coronavirus raging across the State, the Karnataka Government on Friday further lowered RT-PCR (Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction) test rates to Rs. 2,000 for testing of Government samples in Private Laboratories.

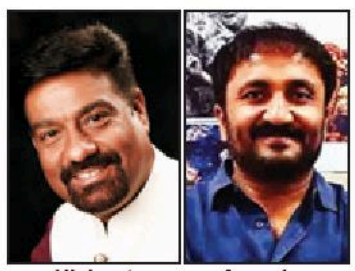
The Government also capped the rate for testing of private samples in Private Laboratories, including screening test and confirmatory test, at R. 3,000 per test, which is inclusive of cost of PPE kit. The price of Rapid Antigen Test of private samples in Private Laboratories has been fixed at Rs.700 per sample.

"There are plenty of testing kits available now and the price too has fallen. Therefore, we have reduced the fee," said Dr. K. Sudhakar, Medical Education Minister and Member of the State's COVID-19 Task Force.

The Government has also has made it mandatory for Private Hospitals to procure Remdesivir, a drug that is used to treat a COVID-19 infection, through Government agencies such as Karnataka State Drug Logistics and Warehouse Society.

The Task Force headed by Health Minister B. Sriramulu took this decision in response to reports that the drug is being sold on the black market at exorbitant prices. Reports say a 100mg vial is being sold for Rs. 45,000 while its actual price is around Rs. 4,000.

Leaders Teach Series and Virtual Book Launch tomorrow



Nishant *Anand*

Mysuru, July 25 - Leaders Teach Series - Learners Digital Virtual Platform is an initiative started by Learners PU College during the pandemic situation. Learners PU College was among the first to start online classes for PU students and have adopted various initiatives on 'Continuous learning for enhanced performance' to teachers and students under the theme "Think Positive, Think Future, Think Learning."

Under this theme, the College has organised a live interactive session with Nishant Kumar Gautam and the virtual launch of his book on self-development, *"The Science of People Performance"* tomorrow morning (July 26). He is the Chairman of All India Corporate Council for Skill Development and also the Advisory Board Member of Learners PU College.

This book will be released by Anand Kumar of Super-30 fame in the Virtual Book Launch event. Anand Kumar, a Mathematician, is best known for his Super 30 programme, which he started in Patna, Bihar in 2002.

In this virtual event, winners of the competition, 'Concept Video Making Contest' will be awarded. Students preparing for CET/NEET/JEE examinations can interact with Anand Kumar and also with Nishant Kumar. Students of High School and PU Colleges, Principals/HMs, teachers and parents may take part in this live interactive session. **For free registration, send an SMS/ WhatsApp to: 99163-97939 or 99169-33202 or email to: learnerspuc@gmail.com, according to the press release.**

Ex-CM Siddu calls for social justice in VC appointments

Former CM Siddharamaiah

Bengaluru, July 25- The Leader of the Opposition and former CM Siddharamaiah has urged the Government to provide social justice in appointment of Vice-Chancellors (VCs) to various State-run Universities.

In a letter to the Chief Minister, Governor and Higher Education Minister, Siddu stated that, "The heads of several religious institutions have met me recently and raised concerns over not following social justice in appointment of VCs to Universities. Though there are 25 Universities in State, except Janapada University, no Varsity has VC belonging to Scheduled Caste community. It shows that the Government is not sticking and following the Section 14(4) of Karnataka State Universities Act."

The former CM demanded Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and Governor-Chancellor Vajubhai R. Vala to consider candidates belonging to SC and other Backward Classes communities for the Vice-Chancellors posts, which are vacant in the State-run Universities.

UGC Panel to address concerns of 'foreign return' students

New Delhi, July 25 - The Centre is exploring ways on allowing students, who had to leave their studies in foreign institutes due to the COVID-19 outbreak, to pursue the same in India.

A Committee Chaired by University Grants Commission (UGC) Chairman D.P. Singh will explore possibilities of Universities increasing their intake students and starting multi-disciplinary and innovative programmes, facilitating online lectures by eminent faculty from abroad and twinning or joint degree programmes.

As many as 7.5 lakh students had travelled abroad for higher studies during 2019 and several of them had returned to India due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The Committee will present its report within 15 days.

"Due to COVID-19 situation, many students who wanted to pursue studies abroad have decided to stay back and pursue their studies in India. There are also a rising number of Indian students returning to India with concern about completion of their studies," HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank said at a brainstorming session on 'Stay in India and Study in India'.

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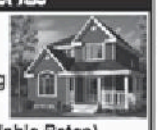

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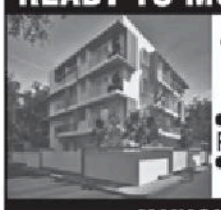

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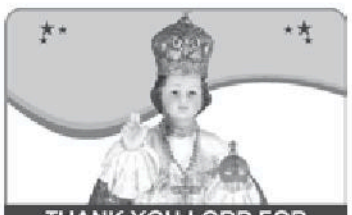

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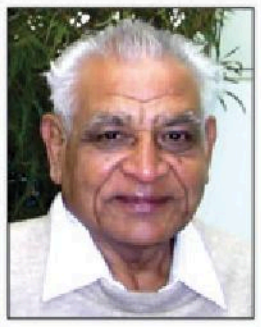

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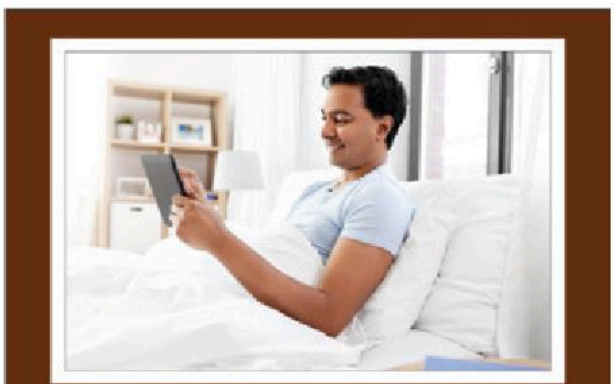

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